1633. [*Transferred to the* 19*the August* 1988].

Japantse investments in India

1634. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has suggested major changes in policy framework for foreign investment in India, particularly dilution of the FERA and MRTP to enthuse Japanese investment in a big way; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Unauthorised ganja plantation

1635. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many raids were conducted by the Central Narcotics Bureau so far during the current year in each State to destroy ganja plantation;

(b) what was the estimated area covered under ganja plantation as detected by the Bureau in each State and what was the approximate market price of the product to be acquired out of this plantation, Statewise; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that ganja cultivation is not allowed in any part of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Four operations in Kerala and one in Tamilnadu, for destruction of illicit ganja cultivation have so far been co-ordinated by the Narcotics Control Bureau during the current year.

(b) Ganja plantations in 327 acres in Kerala and 15 acres in Tamilnadu had been destroyed during the above operations. The approximate estimated illicit market value of the potential dry ganja which would have been yielded by these plantations is Rs. 53.06 crores for Kerala and Rs. 1.87 crores in Tamilnadu.

(c) The ganja cultivation, save for medical or scientific purposes, will be banned by the Government by the end of 1989. States and Union Territories have already been informed of the same and requested to take necessary action in this regard. The Narcotics Control Bureau and other central enforcement agencies like Customs and Central Excise are also undertaking operations to identify and destroy illicit cultivation of cannabis.

Sarkaria Committee on the status of Delhi

1636. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when Government appointed Sarkaria Committee to determine the status of Delhi;

(b) what were its terms of reference;

(c) how much expenditure has been incurred in this regard as on date; and

(d) whether the report has been submitted; if not, by when it is expected to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) A Committee known as 'The Committee on the Reorganisation of the Delhi set-up' was appointed under the Chairmanship of Justice R. S. Sarkaria on the 24 Decem-

ber, 1987 with the following terms of reference:—

(i) To study the drawbacks if any in the efficient functioning of the existing administrative and municipal authorities in Delhi more specifically the Metropolitan Council, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the New Delhi Municipal Committee, the Cantonment Board, the Delhi Development Authority, The Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking, the Delhi Transport Corporation, and the Delhi Milk Supply;

(ii) to examine the nature and extent of the overlapping of functions, if any, and the difficulties experienced by the common man in his day to day dealing with such authorities;

(iii) to make recommendations keeping in view (i) and (ii) above regarding rationalisation or reorganisation or streamlining of the administrative and municipal set up with a view to (a) ensuring efficiency and effectiveness in the functioning of various authorities by such modifications in structures as may be necessary so as to have a cohesive and coordinated set up with properly defined spheres of authority for each of them (b) avoiding overlapping of functions between various authorities by bringing about adequate decentralisation of powers and clear-cut demarcation of functions and responsibility and (c) securing all round improvement in providing services to the public and for quicker redressal of public grievances;

(iv) to make recommendations for amendments to existing laws or enactment of a new law wherever necessary;

(v) to make such other suggestions or recommendations as the Committee may consider necessary to secure the objective.

(c) a sum of Rs. 9,06,024/- has been incurred upto 30 June, 1988.

(d) The Committee is expected to submit its report before 31 December, 1988.

Report of Reserve Bank on cotton growing farmers

1637. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank had constituted high powered committee under its Deputy Governor, Dr. P. D. Ojha to examine the financial problems of the cotton-growing farmers of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, etc. so as to stop repetition of the cases of suicides by the suffering cotton-growing farmers of these areas;

(b) if so, what are its recommendations and what is government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement them in Andhra Pradesh and other States so that the farmers get the benefit before the next cotton crop season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) A High Powered Committee headed by Dr. P. D. Ojha, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India was constituted by the Government of India to look into the problems relating to Cotton Growers in the two districts of Andhra Pradesh *viz*, Guntur and Prakasam. The Committee has submitted its report and suggested following short-term and long-term measures:

Short-term measures:

(i) Moratorium for repayment for two years may be given by banks as a special case to all affected farmers in these two districts irrespective of the